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EXTRA. 2 O'CLOCK. LIFE AND DEATH OF G. W. CHILDS.

Great Editor and Philanthropist Slept Himself Quietly Away from Earth.
AFTER YEARS FULL OF HONOR.

A Man Who Saw in Private Citizenship Duties Overbalancing Temptings to High Office.

PRESIDENCY ONCE WITHIN HIS REACH.

In His Career Mr. Childs Exemplified the True American and the Worth of Sterling Manhood.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 3.—George W. Childs, editor and proprietor of the Public Ledger, died at his home, Twenty-second and Walnut streets, at 10 o'clock this morning.

At 10 o'clock last night his respiration became embarrassed, and the physicians at the bedside said that the end was close at hand. At midnight the patient's pulse was flagging, and he sank gradually but steadily until death came to put an end to the long struggle for life.

The end of this great publisher and world-famous philanthropist came with the same tranquility with which his remarkable career has been marked. At his bedside were the physicians who had carefully watched his every symptom since the day he was stricken, and Mrs. Childs, the companion of his years of usefulness.

How the Illness Began.

It was scarcely more than two weeks ago, on Thursday, Jan. 18, when the ailment was startlingly forewarned. Private Secretary Steel heard a noise as if a heavy body falling in the publisher's private office. Instantly rushing into the room, he found Mr. Childs stretched upon the floor in a utterly helpless condition. Summoning Night Editor Sheppard, and two other men, they lifted the sick man to a couch, and stimulants were administered, which revived the sufferer somewhat.

It was then found that he had been attacked by vertigo. He had been sitting in his chair at his desk reading, when the stroke fell, and he slumped forward and fell to the floor. He still held a letter in his clasp. Even before Dr. W. Costa could arrive, it was discovered that Mr. Childs's right arm was hanging limp at his side. It was perceived also, something far more serious, that his brain had been affected. There was partial revival, after a day of illness, but in a few more days his condition grew alarmingly worse, and he slipped into his former semi-consciousness.

At rare intervals he seemed to understand what was going on around him, and the anxious questions addressed to him, but only once or twice during all his illness, and then he was back to the state of unconsciousness. At his bedside were the physicians who had carefully watched his every symptom since the day he was stricken, and Mrs. Childs, the companion of his years of usefulness.

One Day's Hopeful Sign.

Only last Wednesday he gave a hopeful sign. He was sitting up in bed, and he ate his food at his bedside, when all at once he slipped back to his former state. He was back to the state of unconsciousness. At his bedside were the physicians who had carefully watched his every symptom since the day he was stricken, and Mrs. Childs, the companion of his years of usefulness.

and out of business, shall be continued in their good fortune, while they live. His valuable collection of manuscripts and relics he gave to the Drexel Institute about a year ago.

Mr. Childs was a man of and from the Ledger office, and as regular as he in his habits that if he did not appear at the street door at the regular time people began to inquire whether he was ill. The news of his last illness spread over the city, and an almost incredible short time after he was attacked, and inquired as to his condition began to pour into the Ledger office within a few minutes, and a keen interest was shown until the hour of his death. He all appeared to be a healthy, nervous, and robust man, yet his constitution was very delicate. The way of a highly nervous temperament, and with the attack which proved to be the beginning of his last illness came almost complete nervous prostration.

FELLOW EDITORS' TRIBUTES.

What Philadelphia Dailies Say of the Life Just Ended.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 3.—The Times says of Mr. Childs:

"There are few men whose lives better illustrate the possibilities of betterment in a country like this where success is not dependent upon inheritance, than that of Mr. Childs. The annals of the many men of modern history who have risen from obscurity and small beginnings to prominence or fortune, do not furnish any record more striking nor events more interesting than the career of this Philadelphia newspaper publisher whose name was so familiar.

When George W. Childs came to Philadelphia, in 1840, he found the city, the conditions of its social and business life were very different from what they are now. Yet this unknown youth, without influence, managed to get a footing in the city, and in a few years he was a partner in a large book publishing-house. In twenty years he had become one of the most influential citizens, and a member of the National and financial councils and the friend of celebrities in this and other countries.

"By his wide interest in benevolent, fraternal and other institutions and organizations, and by continuous and systematic aid to individuals extending over a long period, Mr. Childs' name became a sort of household word and the synonym of philanthropy."

"The life of George W. Childs is like a romance—a romance with many lessons. Alone and almost penniless at the age of twelve years, he stood at the bottom of the ladder and looked up. His youthful eye caught the light of the great world, and with a firm grip and careful step, he made the ascent that would have seemed impossible to any other. And as he worked and won he looked for others to share his success, until over the world the name of George W. Childs came to stand for a liberal philanthropist and an upright business man.

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Those Who Saw Him Die.

Present at the bedside at the time of his death, in addition to the physicians, were Mrs. Childs, Cal. E. De V. Morris, and James A. Drexel, Jr., managing editor of the Public Ledger. Mr. Childs died at 10 o'clock, and his death was only a question of a few hours.

A Physician's Statement.

"Mr. Childs suffered no pain, and his end was peaceful. He had been unconscious for the past three days, except at intervals. The change for the worse came manifest about 9:30 last evening. His pulse faltered and he grew rapidly weaker. He was unable to speak, and his death was only a question of a few hours.

Mr. Childs's Fortune.

Mr. Childs's fortune is believed to be a large one, but whether it be so or not is a question that only those intimately associated with him can answer. He was a man of great wealth, and he made excellent investments in many directions. His income was very large, his expenditures were great, especially in support of educational and charitable institutions and in direct charities.

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Examples of His Generosity.

The generosity of this man, his loving charity, was not limited by race or creed or country. When money was not readily forthcoming for a monument to Edgar Allen Poe, in Baltimore, Mr. Childs quietly dropped \$50 into the bagging fund and completed the amount needed. The birth-place of Shakespeare is adorned by the gift of Childs. A memorial window to Milton in St. Margaret's Church, London, and another in the Albert and Cooper in Westminster Abbey were parcel there by him. The Home for Blind Printers at Colorado Springs bears the linked names of Childs and his wife. He was generous to the poor, and he was generous to the rich. He was generous to the body of Richard A. Proctor, who had so completely devoted his life to science that he had no power to resist.

Private Charities Tremendous.

There is a George W. Childs prize for the best entrance examination to the scientific course at the University of Pennsylvania. "Prayer-book Cross" is an imposing stone monument in Golden Park, San Francisco, on the spot where Sir Francis Drake read the first Episcopal service on the Pacific coast—a gift from George William Childs and one of the many monuments to his graceful generosity, thoughtful charity and pervading public spirit.

Preferred to Be a Private Citizen.

Although one of the foremost citizens of the United States in every public sphere, Mr. Childs was always a private citizen, and all efforts to honor him with official titles were defeated at the hands of the man who had been elected to the Presidency in 1888, when the state of New York was the only one in which he was not elected. He was elected to the Romanorum Club, the highest honor of the city, but he declined it. He was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Letters, but he declined it. He was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Letters, but he declined it.

He Knew Himself Perfectly.

Perhaps the secret of the wonderful success of Childs, his country-wide popularity and his perfect peace of mind, lay in the fact that he knew himself perfectly. He knew his own strengths and weaknesses, and he knew his own limitations. He knew his own limitations, and he knew his own strengths. He knew his own strengths, and he knew his own limitations. He knew his own limitations, and he knew his own strengths.

Life of George W. Childs.

His Progress from Poverty to Wealth and the Esteem of All.

In all this broad land there was probably not another private citizen of the Republic whose name was known to so many people as that of this man whose death is chronicled to-day—George William Childs.

His Career from Youth.

George William Childs was born at Baltimore, Md., May 12, 1829. He was given the name of his father. He was a man of great wealth, and he made excellent investments in many directions. His income was very large, his expenditures were great, especially in support of educational and charitable institutions and in direct charities.

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All January Records Broken.
AVERAGE DAILY CIRCULATION OF THE WORLD.
Jan., 1893, 24,964.
Jan., 1894, 387,564.
Weather Indications: Rain, Warmer.
Jan., 1904, 427,997.

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of the paper and nearly doubled the advertising rates. Then he put all his energy into his industry, and his industry made the paper a good, clean, reliable family newspaper. It was not until the year 1888 that he was elected to the Presidency in 1888, when the state of New York was the only one in which he was not elected.

Success by Leap and Bound.

Childs showed his appreciation by meeting Mr. Childs more than half-way. It doubled the circulation, then doubled it again, and then doubled it again.

Liberal with His Employees.

Employees who broke down in the long hours of the paper, he early in his career had a policy of liberality. He was a man of great wealth, and he made excellent investments in many directions. His income was very large, his expenditures were great, especially in support of educational and charitable institutions and in direct charities.

Famous People He Has Entertained.

Many famous people have had pleasant experiences as guests of Mr. Childs at his city home. His country home, at Woodport, N. J., was a place of great beauty and interest. He was a man of great wealth, and he made excellent investments in many directions. His income was very large, his expenditures were great, especially in support of educational and charitable institutions and in direct charities.

He Enforced Rigid Rules.

From this time the Public Ledger was issued under rigid rules. Invariably every article was checked by Mr. Childs before it was printed. He was a man of great wealth, and he made excellent investments in many directions. His income was very large, his expenditures were great, especially in support of educational and charitable institutions and in direct charities.

Not a Failure Among the 300.

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The World's Best January

Average Circulation for January, 1892, 17,604 PER DAY.

FOR JANUARY, 1904, 427,997 PER DAY.